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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2002, please amend the  
application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the title, please add the following:

C1  
"This application claims priority to European Application Number 99105581.5 filed  
on March 13, 1999."

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

C2  
6. (Amended) A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer  
of paper having a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, wherein

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